



Commander's Intent and Command Philosophy for 2d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion

Our mission for 2d LAAD Bn is to "Support the MAGTF commander by providing close in, low altitude, surface-to-air weapons fires in defense of MAGTF assets by defending forward combat areas, maneuver forces, vital areas, installations and/or units engaged in special/independent operations; to provide a task organized, ground security force in defense of MAGTF air sites when not engaged in air defense operations."

In order to accomplish our diverse tasks, it is imperative to understand the components of commander's intent; these are Purpose, Method and Endstate.

Purpose: We have a special place in MACG-28 and 2d MAW. We are integral to the Marine Air Command and Control System and are pivotal in developing an integrated air defense system for the MAGTF. As air defenders, we will continue to sanitize airspace for hostile aircraft while also ensuring safe passage for friendly aircraft. After air superiority is ensured, we continue to operate with the same mindset of safe passage for our ground forces by providing security as a provisional infantry battalion.

Method: First, I challenge all to **establish credibility in your MOS** and **build a rapport with your Marines**. You cannot be successful, regardless of MOS, without both elements. You owe this to yourself and your Marines. Second, recall the old USMC triad of **mind, body & spirit**. These 3 areas form the legs of a stable stool. Without equal attention, the stool will not stand for long. Third, strive to be worthy of emulation. Recognize and reward your Marines. Operate with the premise that shared knowledge is power. Offer your talent in a certain area as a way to get to know your Marines and their families. Lastly, being a **2d LAAD ambassador** starts with your family. Whether it be spouse, children, parents or a significant other, they are always welcome to visit and experience the battalion. I encourage families to get involved and share in the cohesiveness and brotherhood of 2d LAAD Marines. We will also be synonymous with community service. Our partnerships with the community educate others on what we do as well as afford us an opportunity to give back in terms of time, talent and appreciation.

Endstate: 2d LAAD Marines ready at a moment's notice, personally and professionally, for any task across the spectrum of conflict. We will be ambassadors at home, in the community and abroad. All 2d LAAD Marines will internalize my philosophy of command for 2nd LAAD Bn. Our philosophy is simple - **Just Do Right!**

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